



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: SALMON CREEK WETLAND ENHANCEMENT

Description of Proposal:

WDFW proposes to conduct a wetland enhancement project on approximately 3-4 acres on the Salmon Creek Unit. This project will raise a small portion of the existing field access roadway for approximately 400' and install a water control structure on the a 36" culvert that is currently present. This small ephemeral agricultural ditch/swale is currently dominated by reed canary grass and provides little benefit for wildlife. Currently, there is no fish utilization in this small channel due to the low flows, connectivity to Salmon Creek, and presence of dense vegetation inside the channel. The combination of re-surfacing the roadway and installation of a half-riser, stop-log, water control structure will allow for a portion of this field to be flooded. This will create approximately 3-4 acres of wetland habitat that can be managed for the benefit of wildlife.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Highway 101 north, just after Hwy 20 (Toward Port Townsend) take a left on W. Uncas Road. Follow for approximately .3 of a mile and make left at WDFW sign toward the two barns, Washington, Jefferson County; Section 23, Township 29 North, Range 02 WestWM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **June 22, 2009**.

You can submit your comments by email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov, through the WDFW SEPA website comment link at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>, fax to (360) 902-2946, or mail to the address below. When you send us your comments, please provide the name of the proposal in your comment letter.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: June 8, 2009 **SIGNATURE:** 

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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Distribution of Environmental Document:

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